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Royal BC Museum welcomes new board members

VICTORIA, BC — The Royal BC Museum is pleased to welcome Gracen Jolly Chungath and David Lewis Galbraith to its board of directors.

Gracen Chungath brings over 20 years of experience in government, non-profit and private sectors, with a focus on investment, destination development and public administration. As Senior Vice President at Destination Canada, she leads strategies to position tourism as a catalyst for economic growth, cultural preservation and sustainability. Her work includes the development of Canada's first cross-provincial Tourism Corridor Strategy Program and collaborations with organizations like Parks Canada and Trans Canada Trail. Gracen has also led initiatives to attract investment to Canada's tourism sector.

David Galbraith worked with the provincial government over 32 years, with his last appointment as the Deputy Minister for Ministry of Children and Family Development. Throughout his career, he has held senior executive and management positions in a variety of ministries, including Finance, Environment, Lands and Parks, Tourism, Sport and the Arts, Healthy Living and Sport, Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and Social Development. His work has spanned a broad range of program areas, from developing the provincial budget and managing provincial granting programs to shaping public policy and overseeing service delivery across British Columbia.

"We are honoured to welcome Gracen and Dave to our board," says Ry Moran, acting chair of the Royal BC Museum Board of Directors. "Their diverse knowledge, expertise and perspectives will enhance our shared efforts in serving this vital institution for the people of British Columbia."

The current board members of the Royal BC Museum are Ry Moran (Acting Chair), Joan Axford, Robert Chamberlin, Sae Hoon (Stan) Chung, Dan George, Robert Jawl, Lenora Lee and Leah Mack.

To learn more about the governance of the Royal BC Museum and the board of directors, visit: Board of Directors.

About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum, which includes BC Archives, IMAX® Victoria and PARC Campus, is one of the oldest continually operating museums in Canada. A cultural centre of learning and research, it strives to broaden our understanding of British Columbia through collections, exhibits, outreach and community engagement. The museum celebrates the province's diverse landscapes and the lives of the people who live here, enables research and knowledge sharing that advances our understanding of our world, and provides a dynamic place for discussion and reflection. IMAX® Victoria delivers educational and entertaining experiences that accompany the learning journey the museum offers.

The Royal BC Museum is located on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples, known today as the Songhees and Xwsepsəm (Esquimalt) Nations. We acknowledge and respect the history of Indigenous peoples, who are our partners in museum matters and community alike.

For information about visiting the Royal BC Museum, visit: <u>Plan Your Visit About the Royal BC</u> Museum

For information about PARC Campus, visit: PARC Campus | Royal BC Museum and Archives

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